

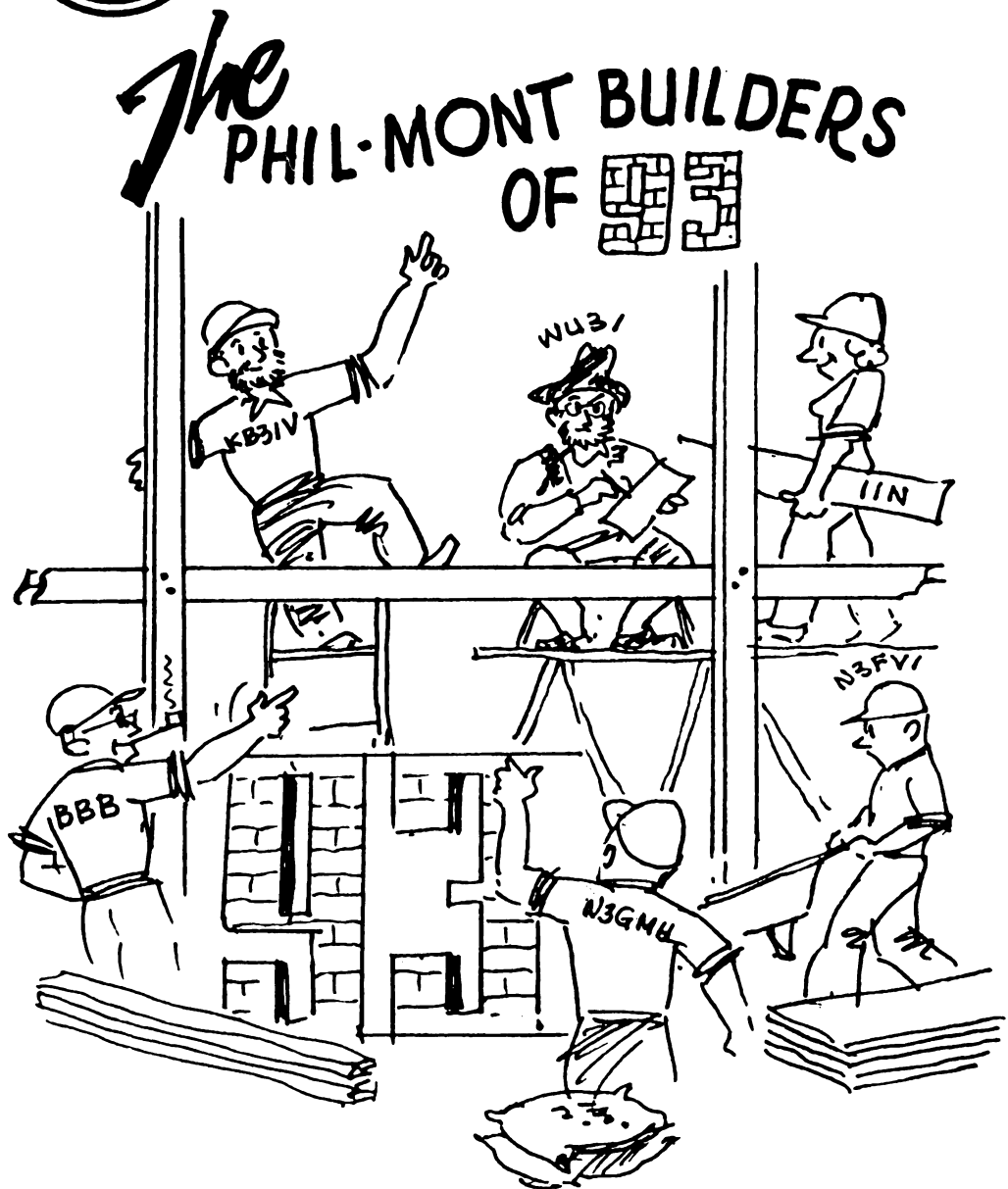


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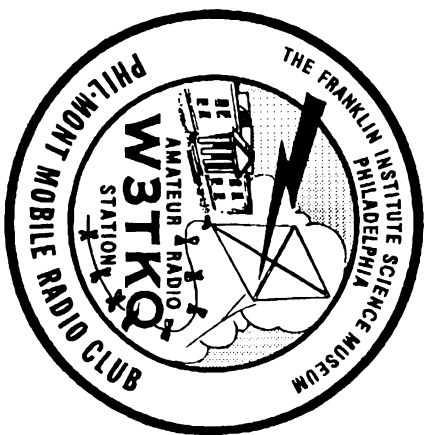




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ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

Amateur Radio License Examinations - the first non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—doors close at 6:30 PM-SHARP!

CLUB INFORMATION

24-Hour Information Number at W3TKQ -(215) 448-1139
 Repeater frequencies: 147.03 Hz (Roxboro input requires no PL)
 PL required for off-site receiver (OSR) access:
Bucks County 131.8 Hz
Center City 103.5 Hz
Lansdale 114.8 Hz
 444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)
 Simplex frequency: 147.51 MHz
 Packet BBS frequency at W3TKQ: 144.99 MHz
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 88, Abington, PA 19001

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 W3RQZ - 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA - Trustee W3VVS
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NET SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	09:30	147.030	MHz FM	"SUNDAY MORNING 2 METER NET"
	10:00	28.993	MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
	10:20	3.993	MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET
LAST WED	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	W3TKQ OPERATORS' NET



APPLE BYTES

Don Gordon, WB3KOJ

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Rose Bold (XYL K2ID)
Frances Powell (XYL N3GPT*)
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 - 02 Bob Wilcox - KE3CZ*
 - 03 Rita Gutman (XYL W3FOG)
 - 13 Jon Balch - W3KG
 - 15 Karen Lenczynski (XYL KA3EIP)
 - 16 Susan Starks (XYL AA2FU)
 - 17 Lee Kovnat (XYL WB3JUA)
Eileen Weigand (XYL KA3EBC)
 - 18 Marion Bubeck (XYL K3GNM)
 - 19 Babs Clayton (XYL K3HIE)
Bill Mescanti - WB3CMM
 - 23 Milt Soss - N3AN
 - 27 Susan Markowitz (XYL N3IZZ)
 - 28 Bob Schmilewske - K3KUD
 - 29 Laura Sims (XYL N3HML)
 - 30 Vira Johnston (XYL K3VXU)
 - 31 Jim Faries - W3AOA
Fred Reichert - KA3BET
- *=New member 1992

HELP PHIL-MONT

Are you planning to join the ARRL or renew your current membership?
Remember: The ARRL is more than just a magazine subscription!

Help Phil-Mont by joining or renewing through the club.
 Contact W3IIN, (our new keeper of the dough) for the details.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

With the December *BLURB* you received your Dues Invoice & Directory Information Sheet. Please verify the information and return, with your dues, to: **W3IIN, JINNY HARING - 2113 EDGEHILL DRIVE - FURLONG, PA 18925.**
 Your early reply will facilitate the publishing of the
 1993 P.M.R.C. Directory.

dates, dues notices and membership directories—all done on an Apple minus-1 machine that even Steve Jobs wouldn't remember how to turn-on!

- **Jinny** (who?) for regularly typing all those unreadable scribbles that are handed to me at the meetings; and for managing the actual "publication" part of the job, by taking the computer output and pasting it in the right page sequence (pull-out the center staple and you'll see what I mean) on 8 1/2 x 11 sheets of paper, then fussing with the local "Speedy Printer" to get the right results every time.

- A nod to **Woody Haldeman** (who?) who made the original contract with these Speedy folks. We still haven't found anyone willing to print [Xerox] and collate for a price as reasonable as these folks.

- Of course, I must thank all of you who have modems that talk to my BBS. The receipt of articles via modem is much appreciated [also error free, unless it's from Farmer Makefield]. It makes my job soooo much easier. (Now, if we can get Mr. Spencer to mothball his 1934 Underwood, and use the computer that he keeps on the top shelf of his guest-room closet, and that gets lifted-down once a year to do his income statement for the tax man. Jake would be happy to teach him how Microsoft Works works.)

- Under the heading of "Why does he always come last?" is good old **Sam Kuncovich**. After 35 years of monthly deadlines, how can I say anything more about him that hasn't already been said?

I called him yesterday to see how he was coming with the monthly drawings (I was beginning to get worried because he was seldom this late with his mailing). He told me that he had been very busy lately, and was working on the cover as we spoke. Lo and

behold!... the envelope just landed on my scanner (Jinny went down to the mail box to get the mail). Let me open it as I type, and share with you my first thoughts:

1. It's thick!
2. It cost him \$1.21. (we reimburse)
3. Nine—repeat—nine drawings!!!

Sam's note says: "Bill Clinton has agreed to read the Shipyard Booklet (for 92) that I sent him 2 month ago." Sam has passionately worked on convincing the "powers that be" that it's a major mistake to close the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. He's prepared a marvelous booklet to this end, and is now chairman of the Save Our Shipyard (SOS, get it?) committee! I'm so pleased that he continues to be so loyal to Phil-Mont through all this turmoil with PNSY!

4. Through it all he still can inject a bit of humor by dating his enclosed letter "FRY-DAY."

5. Can't use all the cartoons this month (postage limit). Watch for them next month.

Did you hear the story about Randolph, the brown-nosed reindeer?... ask Jim, he'll probably get it wrong but he'll make you laugh anyway!

Someone asked me, the other day, how Sam managed to be so current with his cartoons and covers. It's simple, I write him a letter each month, and include it with his copy of the *BLURB*. Since Sam isn't able to attend meetings, and doesn't have a receiver for "oh three," his only source of news and ideas for covers and cartoons is when someone takes the time to communicate with him. You too are certainly encouraged to do the same when you have an idea that would look good in print (or want to get-back at the editor). Sam likes to hear from members... we should never take him for granted!

W3IIM

"DON'T TAILGATE—WAIT"—for the courtesy chime!

The PREZ SEZ

Ed Masarsky, KB3IV



I want to thank all the club members who took the time to participate in the elections, either in person or by submitting their ballot by mail.

Phil-Mont has enjoyed a prestigious place in the community at large, and among other clubs throughout the area. As President my goal is to uphold the fine traditions and reputation established by our club. It is my hope to continue our already successful long-standing activities, and add some new and exciting programs.

Phil-Mont is fortunate to have among

its members those whose special talents and varied interests in ham radio can be a valuable resource. Working together and sharing knowledge will strengthen the future of our club.

We need your input to help plan and implement these new programs and activities. We cannot accommodate your needs and desires if you don't share them with us. Communicate!

I am looking forward to working with my fellow officers during 1993, and want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year.



LOOKAHEAD

Jan 6 **General Meeting**
 Jan 7 License Examinations
 Jan 20 Directors' meeting at
 W3TKQ

Feb 3 **General Meeting**
 Feb 4 License Examinations
 Feb 17 Directors' meeting at
 C H I Institute, Southampton

MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

The January meeting will be held in the "Choices Forum" auditorium, which is located on the third floor of "The Atrium" right next to the elevator. You can enter The Institute from Winter Street or via the elevator from the parking garage.

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HAMFESTS

Jan 16 FORT MYERS, FL
 Fort Myers ARC

Feb 6 LANCASTER, PA
 Columbia Area ARC

Feb 27 LEBANON, PA
 Appalachian ARG

Mar 13 FLEMINGTON, NJ
 Cherryville Repeater Assn.

Mar 21 NEW CASTLE, DE
 Penn-Del ARC

Apr 23-25 DAYTON, OHIO
 Hamvention

V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring a their original license and one photocopy of it. All applicants, including children, must present positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 1993 test fee is \$5.60; there is no charge for a Novice test.

Monthly, 1st Thursday
The FRANKLIN INSTITUTE
 Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q
 (215) 482-0386
 (215) 879-0505

Monthly, 3rd Thursday
BELLMAWR, NJ
 Bill Helmatag
 (609) 546-7710

Irregularly
BRYN MAWR
 Bob Lees
 (215) 265-6032

Monthly, 1st Thursday
LEVITTOWN
 Dave Heller, K3TX
 (215) 946-1040
 (215) 736-3333

Monthly, 3rd Wednesday
MORRISVILLE
 Dave Munson, NM3K
 (215) 788-7515

Monthly, 1st Monday
POTTSTOWN
 Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
 (215) 679-5764

Monthly, 3rd Monday
TELFORD
 Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
 (215) 679-5764

Monthly, Last Saturday
UNIVERSITY OF PA
 Garrett Klein, WZ3G
 (215) 898-8538 shack
 (215) 222-8752 home

Odd Months, Last Wednesday
WARMINSTER
 Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ
 (215) 343-3494

Headb007

If you haven't yet figured it out, this is the editor's column.

Due to a well-earned vacation and an important business conference (in Florida, heh heh), the February issue of the *BLURB* will be mailed a week later than usual. Meanwhile... hope to see all you snow-birds at the Fort Myers hamfest!

While I'm at it, let me personally thank Don and Natalie for taking-over the *BLURB* folding (and mailing) committee responsibilities. It's not a big job, but "somebodysgot-tadoit," and they have to be dependable. And, just think, it'll save the club all those postage expenses that Don incurred in mailing me the labels each month!... Now, who's gonna help them? It only takes 2-3 hours a month, and nearly always falls on the second Thursday following the Mid-Month meeting. In the "good old days" it was always a

"night out with the boys" at Spencerville. I personally attended one of those sessions, and was handed a "rubber finger" (no, it didn't have any vaseline on it) for the collating chore. Thank goodness those days are gone. Now all that's needed is a "saddle" staple, edge staple(s), address labels and stamps... but still it's a great time socializing.

Now, since I've gone to all the trouble to set up my podium, (and figure-out how to get that silly column heading to print backwards), I might as well share with you some of my own awards:

- For past help with the folding chores—**Rick Spencer**, who (contrary to popular belief) never ate his weight in meatballs, or anything else. (The Southern Comfort consumption is another issue.)
- **Don Gordon**—for endless, unrecognized support of the *BLURB* with his regular, and dependable mailings of the monthly mailing labels, the annual membership up-



ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTED

Certificates of Appreciation

KB3IV—Ed has been treasurer for the longest number of years, even longer than “dolarsigngeorge.” Ed served for 11 years, and is now to be elected unanimously for President of Phil-Mont. He was presented with bags of Chanukah Gelt attached to his certificate.

W3UI—Steve has been energetic, available and caring, not only for club activities, but for individuals who need his help in all aspects of amateur radio.

W3BBB—Jim was honored for his outstanding efforts in the rebuilding of W3TKQ and offset sites. No honor would be sufficient to equal his continual contributions to our club.

N3DHI—Rick was honored for his work, especially in establishing and maintaining the off-site receiver locations. Rick is carrying out the family tradition of availability for trouble-shooting problems that arise with the repeater. This is in keeping with his personality that has also made him into a great volunteer fireman.

WT3P—Kay, who is the vice director of the Atlantic Division of ARRL, was honored for her financial and personal influence that significantly assisted in the renovation and permanent establishment of W3TKQ at The Franklin Institute.

Phil-Monter Of The Year

W3FVI—Bill was complimented for his quiet cooperation and continual encouragement for the numerous club activities that

took place during his two years of Presidency. He presided with dignity and purpose at a time when the club serged ahead with great accomplishments.

The Leroy Hauser Memorial Award

AK2I—Since Jake retired from Sears and became a full-time Phil-Monter, the club has gained what Sears lost. This includes great enthusiasm, intelligence, loyalty and sense of purpose. His diplomacy and persuasiveness have assisted in the development of the world's finest amateur radio station. We are proud of the station, and we are proud of Jake.

The George Weed Memorial Award

This award was presented by Bob Schmilewske, K3KUD, to Mr. William Mitchell, Assistant Vice President of Bell of Pennsylvania. It was through Mr. Mitchell's efforts that the club was able to install an off-site receiving antenna atop Bell's #1 Parkway building. The new location will permit reliable emergency communications coverage of such center-city events as the Core-States Bike Race.



MINUTES

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Steve Hoch, WU3I, Secretary



N3FVI opened the 517th general meeting at 7:33 p.m. on the fourth floor of The Franklin Institute, just outside of W3TKQ.

KB3IV reported that there was still money in the treasury, with the expenses still outpacing income by 2.5 times (and boy-oh-boy what a tuxedo). Ed thanked all those who paid their dues already, with a special thanks to W3IIM for getting the renewals out so early. You are urged to renew or join the ARRL through the club. Contact KB3IV until January 1st, then our new treasurer.

KC2HX and K3KUD presented the awards for 1992.

The GEORGE WEED AWARD was presented to Robert M Valentini, President & C.E.O. of Bell of Pennsylvania, for his help and assistance in providing the Center City off-site input location on Bell's building on the Parkway. The Award was accepted by Bill Mitchell, Assistant Vice President of Bell.

Phil-Monter of the Year was presented to N3FVI, Bill Popovic, for outstanding service to the club.

The LEROY HAUSER MEMORIAL AWARD was presented to AK2I for the outstanding job in the operations at W3TKQ.

Certificates of Merit were presented to the following members:

- **WT3P**, Kay Craigie, Vice Director of ARRL, for her help in the rebirth of W3TKQ.
- **W3BBB**, Jim Spencer, for his tireless work at W3TKQ, and the many improvements to the repeater.
- **N3DHI**, Rick Spencer, for his work with the repeater and off-site inputs.
- **KB3IV** for holding the office of Treas-

urer longer than Ernie (W3D\$G).

- **WU3I** for his volunteering time at W3TKQ.

KA3EBC, for special events, reminded all that there were only 8 months until the American Cancer Society Bikathon. So mark your calendar! July 18, 1993.

N3FVI made a plea for any new equipment for W3TKQ. Any donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

There was one new member presented at the meeting, Woosup Lee, N3NDV. WELCOME Woosup Lee!!!

The 50-50 was sold by KD4PWG, picked by Mim Roeshman (XYL of W3LKI), and won by WT3X.

There were 40 members and ten guests present. The guests were Bill Mitchell, V.P. of Bell Atlantic; Ted Braverman, Don Stasney, N3LJC; Mim Roeshman, XYL of W3LKI; John Mills, N3NNM; Elaine Spencer, XYL of W3BBB; Jackie Chedeville, XYL of W3GQD; John Verlin, KA3VUU; Joann Smith; and Steven Haas.

AK2I, Judge of Elections, introduced the candidates. Following their speeches, the election of officers was held. The results of the elections are:

PRESIDENT, KB3IV
VICE PRESIDENT, WT3X, 34 N3GMH 43
TREASURER, W3IIN 60, W3YLT 20
SECRETARY, N3AXJ 19, WU3I 61
DIRECTORS, W3BBB 58, W3GQD 8, N3FVI 40, K3KUD 23, KA3EBC 7, N3GWG 3, W3LKI 15

The meeting ended at 9:45 P.M.

MINUTES

DECEMBER DIRECTORS' MEETING

Steve Hoch, WU3I, Secretary

N3FVI opened the lame duck session at 8:24 upon his arrival at the home of N3GLU and KB3IV. Bill announced that this was his lunch hour and we had to move along (don't we all wish we had a lunch like that?). Attending were W3s PXY, BBB, IIM, IRS, a surprise visit from WB3s KOH and KOJ, WU3I, KB3IV, N2RM, K3KUD, N3GLH, N3IEI and N3FVI.

KB3IV gave a final (in more ways than one) treasurer's report. The money was almost gone, but there was enough to finish the year. Ed thanked W3IIM and WB3KOJ for getting the dues notices out early, and reported that the dues were coming very well.

W3IIM [for W3IIN] reported (and boy did he) that the Budget Committee had formulated a budget and it was submitted to the Board for its approval. A motion was made by W3IIM to accept the Budget. N3FVI seconded; there were no dissenting votes.

Jack handed out a proposed meeting schedule for 1993 and, after one amendment, it was accepted. Anyone who is able to host a Mid-Month meeting please contact a board member or club officer. Last year three members of the board doubled up on hosting a meeting. Jack announced there were eight new applicants to vote on for membership they were:

KB3AHQ, George Sellers, Jr.; KD2CR, Len Kravitz; KB2GAJ, Robert Whelan; N2MGI, Matt Parker; N3NDX, Roberto Ellison; N3NLI, George Cahill; KA3TLE, Alfred Lamberti; AA3CH, Russell Stafford. A motion was made by N3GLH to accept the new members. KB3IV seconded; there were no dissenting votes. Welcome to our new members.

Jack took the opportunity to review the list of complimentary *BLURBS* that are mailed out. The list was revised slightly and approved. The *BLURB* will be a week late for February due to a vacation schedule conflict.

For W3IIN, Jack announced the need for an Audit Committee meeting in early January.

Jack announced the need for a *BLURB* folding Committee as the old Committee (IIM, IIN, DHI) has retired. WB3s KOH & KOJ graciously volunteered for ONE YEAR.

W3BBB reported that Bell of Pennsylvania was charging the line at the repeater a dollar per month for 911 service. Jim also announced the need for financing in the future if the club goes to using a voter and the existing three remote inputs. The figure calculated was \$1,600.

W3BBB reported on a letter from W3GXV, Gene Pressler about the problems with frequency coordination, not only with PMRC but in the entire section. Gene has stated his intended involvement to try to help resolve the coordination woes. [See letter elsewhere in this issue.—Ed]

KB3IV reported that the net controls were going to be reviewed, and sooner or later he would make up a new format sheet to distribute to the operators.

W3IRS announced the hospitalization of Bill Isherwood, KA3VTR. A card to be sent to Bill was signed by all attending.

KB3IV appointed his directors for 1993 they are: K3KUD, W3IIM and W3RM.

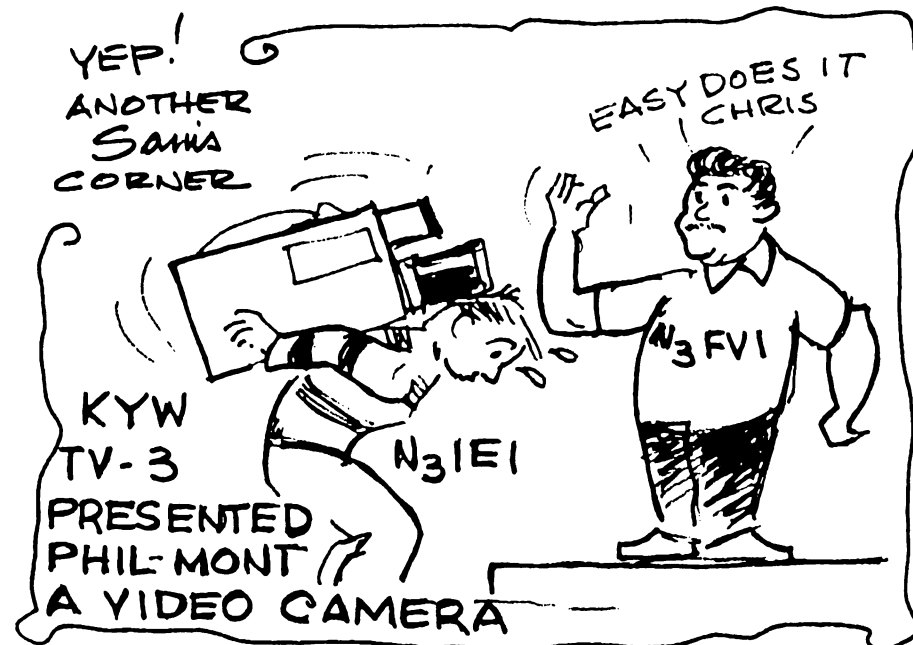
KB3IV made the motion to adjourn at 9:20, K3KUD seconded; there were no dissenting votes.

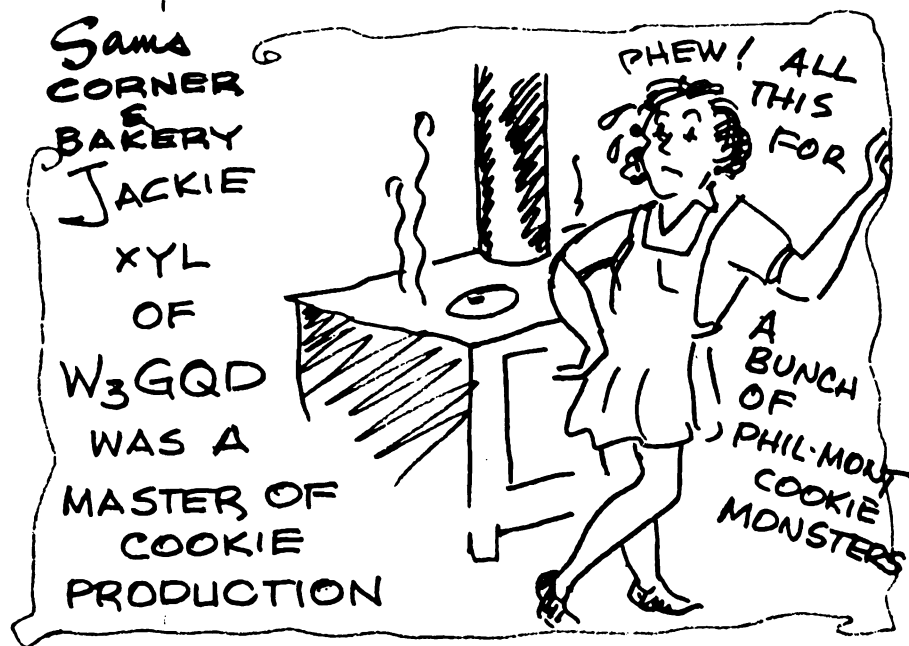
Thanksto Sharon N3GLU and Ed KB3IV for their hospitality and refreshments.

For Sale—Estate Equipment

Monitor Radio MRC 33	LEM-04	\$ 10
MFJ model 812 SWR bridge	LEM-07	15
Kenwood SWT-2 VHF antenna tuning unit	LEM-09	15
RCA VTVM model WV-77A	LEM-10	5
Rohn #6 tower, 20 ft w/tilt base and taper top	LEM-14	40
Mini-quad beam 10-15-20	LEM-15	40
Alliance Tenna-rotor U-110	LEM-16	15
Archer rotator	LEM-17	15
MFJ Versa Tuner II 300 w	LFM-18	75
10 Mtr vertical coaxial antenna (PMRC)	LEM-20	10
MFJ model 816 SWR bridge	LEM-24	15
Kenwood 711-A w/MC-60 mike. 2 meter all mode 25 w.	LEM-27	450
Kenwood TS-520, SP 520, manual w/MC-50 mike	OZR-2+3	350
Alliance Tenna-rotor HD-73	OZR-5	25
Hallicrafters HA-1 keyer	OZR-6	10
Archer SWR bridge 21-575 2-30 mHz	OZR-9	10
Tempo SWR bridge model RFB-1	OZR-10	10
Micronta power supply 22-127-C 12v @ 1.75 A	OZR-11	5
3 element tri-band beam—buyer remove	OZR-14	25
4 element 2 meter beam—buyer remove	OZR-15	15
40-10 vertical antenna—buyer remove	OZR-16	25
Micronta 22-204-C multimeter	OZR-18	10
Heath SWR bridge model HM 202	OZR-19	10
Drake TVI filter model TV 3300	OZR-20	5
Astatic D-104 w/G stand	OZR-21	40

For Information: C. R. Spencer Jr W3BBB, 215-362-5172 or 147.03 repeater.





THE W3TKQ REPORT

The International Voice of The Franklin Institute Science Museum

After 14 months of operation at W3TKQ, I can proudly say that your club has achieved a milestone, in that more than 120,000 people thus far have seen the station, and have witnessed the achievements of Phil-Mont, as well as that of amateur radio at its best. My special congratulations go to those volunteers who have faithfully fulfilled their respective time slots at W3TKQ. You have once again shown that The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club is more than just another club—you've proven beyond a doubt it's a "class act," highly respected in the area.

For proof of this comment just take a look at our phenomenal growth in membership for 1992... a whopping 33%. Show me one other club that had those statistics.

I must, however, talk about the maintenance budget for W3TKQ for 1993. My estimate is that it will take another \$850 in order to provide all the necessary repairs for this second year of operation. The computers, the drives, the radios and antennas, and the other related equipment will naturally need, at one time or another, some repairs.

My hope is this: if every member of Phil-Mont would contribute to this operating fund, we could meet our goal at a cost of just \$6 per person. I don't feel I have to say any more than that.

W3TKQ is now a reality, and can now be enjoyed by all of us.

[Editor's note: anyone wishing to contribute to this "operating fund" may include the additional amount with their dues check. Our treasurer will properly allocate the contribution if it's noted on the check.]

by
 Jake Kovalchek,
 AK2I

WHAT'S WRONG WITH LOCAL FREQUENCY COORDINATION?

An Opinion and Comment by Gene Pressler, W3ZXV

By FCC regulation, the business of amateur radio frequency coordination has been delegated to groups of volunteer "frequency coordinators" located geographically around the country. The theory behind this, according to the FCC at the time, was that "...regional and national planning and coordination by amateur radio operators themselves (emphasis supplied) can result in the best spectrum utilization appropriate to the service."

It's hard to find an argument with this general theory. Amateurs have always maintained a long tradition of keeping their own house in order and certainly there are obvious advantages to supporting a system in which amateurs are charged with handling their own frequency coordination responsibilities without the involvement of the FCC. In our area, The Philadelphia Area Repeater Council (TPARC) is the volunteer group responsible for repeater frequency coordination.

And how well is the system here working? Unfortunately, not very well!

Everyone knows that, for too long now, TPARC has been receiving criticism from many quarters. This criticism has ranged from "I can't find out what I need to do to get a repeater coordinated" to "I can't even get an answer to my request for coordinating a repeater I want to put on the air."

There is no doubt that the system is clearly broken!

But has anyone taken the time to find out why... or to see things from TPARC's perspective?

TPARC operates with a number of volunteers, each of whom is responsible for handling coordination requests for one or two VHF or UHF bands. TPARC asks that nominal monetary contributions accompany requests for each repeater coordination and for each biennial repeater re-coordination. TPARC asks for these contributions because there are certain expenses involved in these actions by the coordinators... printing, stationery, telephone calls, and postage, etc. and to support the research necessary to process and assign repeater frequencies in amateur radio bands which are growing ever more congested.

TPARC needs to maintain an extensive computer-based system used for recording active repeaters in the area, and input from this system is used for frequency coordination of new repeaters, and to periodically up-date the ARRL "Repeater Directory." To keep its system current, TPARC also needs to conduct surveys every two years to confirm which of its

coordinated repeaters are active and which have become inactive for one reason or another.

So what's wrong with the system?

The main problem is that TPARC has not had the support of the amateur repeater community. Repeater owners spend thousands of dollars for state-of-the-art repeater equipment, but TPARC draws fire every time it asks for the financial support it needs to do its job. "Who is TPARC to ask us for money to respond to a coordination request?" they ask, and "TPARC is trying to sell operating frequencies?"

Who are we kidding? If TPARC could "sell" repeater frequencies, it could do so for more than the \$25 contribution it asks for coordinating a repeater, and [for] more than \$10 a year from each of the repeaters it coordinates!

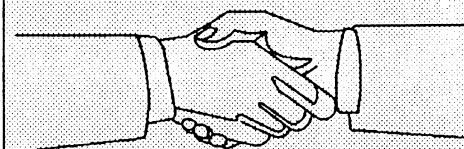
Why are we having problems?

It's because the amateur repeater community isn't supporting the system and TPARC volunteer frequency coordinators are each spending \$200-300 of their own money every year just for the privilege of serving repeater owners' needs!

TPARC is responsible for the coordination needs of hundreds of repeaters in its coverage area and, right now, its volunteers are faced with the need to find the money needed to make a too-long delayed mailing to repeater owners in order to up-date its data base. Clearly, without that accurate data base, it cannot make sensible repeater coordination decisions!

Several repeater organizations are getting together now to help supply manpower and to underwrite expenses for the mailing of a current survey. Included in that mailing will be a request for financial support from the amateur community that TPARC serves. We need TPARC! Without it, the whole system of repeater coordination could collapse into chaos, and invite FCC involvement in what should be an amateur-managed process. Let's quit carping and help TPARC by responding to its needs!

Gene Pressler, W3ZXV, is a long-time amateur, a member of three repeater groups and president of another in Southeastern Pennsylvania. His comments here were written as an individual who had become concerned with the state of repeater coordination in the area, and who had taken the time to do a little research on the causes of the problem. His comments reflect his own personal opinion based on that research and are not necessarily those of any other organization to which he belongs.



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92ND MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS DECEMBER

23 candidates pass 20 elements
6 new amateurs plus 4 upgrades

VE team members:

Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman

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Flemington, NJ—Cherryville Repeater Assn.

Jan 14 Hunterdon Central HS Novice/Technician N2KRR

Newtown, PA—Penn Wireless Association

Feb 4 Bucks County Comm. Col. Novice/Technician 968-8409

Philadelphia, PA—Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club

Feb 7 The Franklin Institute Technician 448-1260

Adult/Teen Workshop at The Franklin Institute, sponsored by PMRC

The first class of the winter schedule, for the adult/teen workshops on Amateur Radio's No Code Technician License, will be held on Sundays from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM starting February 7, through May 2.

Our own Ted Lada, N3FTZ, will be instructing this ten week course on the No Code Technician class license. The course, offered to the public by The Franklin Institute through the cooperation of our club and W3TKQ, more than fulfills the

requirements needed to pass the FCC examinations given by Dusty Rhoads and his team of VEs.

Anyone needing more information on the cost and the time requirements, call Eva Zison at the Institute at (215) 448-1260. The price will include the materials needed in order to complete the course. The good news is that, as of this writing, there are already eight people registered.

Good Luck Ted, and thank you again for your commitment both to amateur radio and to Phil-Mont.
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